മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ: ഉണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കെ. ഡീവർ: അതു് ശരിക്ക പാലിക്കപ്പെട്ടുന്നുണ്ടോ എന്നും ആരെങ്കിലും നോക്കാറുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ: അതു് നോക്കുവാനായിട്ടാണ് ഇവരെ നിത്തിയിരിക്കുന്നതു്.

Mr. P. Sankara Menon *(Trichur-North):* Will the Government take action on the owners of these ferry boats?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* No action was thought necessary to be taken. In the enquiry which we conducted it was clear it was not due to any of their fault that the accident happened.

Mr. C. J. Chirayath *(Nellai):* If the police on duty cannot stop any rush at the jetty is it not necessary to take action against that police man?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* We did not think so.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കെ. ഡീവർ: വഞ്ക്കാലത്തു പുഴയിൽ ഒരു ആംബുലൻസു ബോട്ട് ഉണ്ടാക്കുവാൻ ഗവണ്മെണ്ട് ആലോചിക്കാമോ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* That question will be considered.

222. Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of boat accidents involving loss of human life, which took place during the past two years along with the extent of the loss of life and property resulting therefrom, in the back-water area between Cochin and Ernakulam;

(*b*) what steps the Government has taken or intend to take, to prevent the recurrence of these unhappy tragedies?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) 1119—Three Country boats carrying workmen of the Harbour capsized involving the loss of 10 lives.

1120—Some Country boats capsized on 5th Mithunam 1120 which involved the loss of 2 lives. One Motor Boat M. L. Cherupushpam also capsized on 24th Meenam 1120 involving the loss of 3 lives. Properties worth about Rs. 774 were also lost in the motor boat accident.

(*b*) The Country Boat services carrying workmen to Harbour do not start or touch jetties or landing places maintained or approved by Government. Government has issued orders to canalise this traffic and to make these boats to touch at certain fixed jetties in the Willingdon Island at which places police men will be posted to check overload.

Regarding the ferry boats, Government have ordered them to run additional trips using bigger boats during morning, noon and evening hours. The issue of tickets has also been ordered to be restricted to the actual accommodation available in each boat. Arrangements have also been made to control the rush of passengers at the Willingdon Island Jetty.

In order to relieve congestion in the ferry service, Government have also sanctioned bus services between Ernakulam and Mattancheri.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to request the Harbour Authorities to take their workers in their own motor boats?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* We approached the Harbour Authorities regarding this and they said they are not in a position to do anything. Government even thought that if motor boat ferries are conducted between the Willingdon Island and some of these places, Mulavukad, Panambukad, Ochamthurithi, etc., it would be very advantageous to these workmen. For that purpose advertisements were made in the local papers. But nobody came to start any service. I understant it is due to the difficulty in getting sufficient number of motor boats now. Then I personally met the Administrative Officer in the Willingdon Island to see that something is done about this. He too promised the co-operation of the Harbour Authorities. But he said he had not sufficient number of boats for the purpose. If any body is forthcoming to take up this ferry service Government will be prepared to afford evey kind of help possible. We are very anxious that such incidents should be avoided. We are doing our best in this matter.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* Have the Government taken any action to give any help by way of compensation to the dependants of the labourers who lost their lives?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I do not know whether any claim has been made.

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Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated)*: Have the Government taken any steps to relieve the distress of the people who suffer by the loss of the earning members of their family?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government)*: I do not think that any request of that sort has come.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated)*: Was not a resolution passed by the Port Workers Union on this matter and forwarded to the Government?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government)*: I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will their request be considered by Government?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government)*: Every request which comes to the Government will be considered on its merits.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ടി. ജേക്കബ്: പോലീസ്സ് ബോട്ടകടം അയലൻറിലുള്ളതു് Rescue ആ വശ്യത്തിനവേണ്ടി തല്ക്കാലം ഉപയോഗിച്ചുകൂടേ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government)*: If there is any boat accident and if it comes to the notice of the Port Authorities, the Port Office people with the launches that they have as well as other launches rush to this spot with the utmost expedition possible and I am sure but for these timely helps from all these people the fatality would have been much more. Every body will rush to the spot to rescue the people.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether it is the Motor Boat M. L. Cherupuzhpam is the one which capsized mentioned in the answer with reference to Question No. 220?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether these instructions are being carried out in all the landing places? It is answered here "Government have ordered them to run additional trips using bigger boats during morning, noon and evening hours. The issue of tickets has also been ordered to be restricted to the actual accommodation available in each boat. Arrangements have also been made to control the rush of passengers at the Willingdon Island Jetty." May I know whether these instructions are being honoured?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Yes. They are being honoured.

BOAT ACCIDENTS—HARBOUR EMPLOYEES

223. Mrs. Dakshayani Velayudhan *(Nominated)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of boat tragedies of the harbour employees that have come to the notice of the Government in 1120;

(*b*) what steps the Government have taken to prevent such catastrophe?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*:

(*a*) Two.

(*b*) In most cases such accidents are caused by overload. Action is being taken to check such overloads.

മിസ്സിസ്സ് ദാക്ഷായണി വേലായുധൻ: എത്ര മരണങ്ങളുണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു പറയാമോ?

Mr. President: Order, order. The information was given in answer to the last question

൨൨൪. മിസ്റ്റർ എം. കെ. വർഗീസ്: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടു ദയവായി ഉത്തരം പറയുമോ.—

(എ) ൧൯൩൭, ൧൯൩൮, ൧൯൩൯, ൧൯൪൦ ഈ കൊല്ലങ്ങളിൽ വർഷക്കാലത്തു തുറമുഖപ്രദേശത്തു എത്ര വഞ്ചിഅപകടങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടു്;

(ബി) ഓരോന്നിലും എത്ര ആൾനാശം വീതം ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടു്; അതെപ്പറ്റി പ്രത്യേകമായ വല്ല അന്വേഷണവും നടത്തീട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(സി) വർഷകാലത്തു വഞ്ചി അപകടത്തിൽപ്പെട്ടു് ആൾനാശം ഉണ്ടാകാതെ നോക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള വല്ല നിർദ്ദേശവും ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിന്റെ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ വിഷയീഭവിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ; ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ എന്താണതു്; അതെപ്പറ്റി എന്തു നടപടി സ്വീകരിച്ചു?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ:

(എ) ൧൯൩൭—ഇല്ല.

൧൯൩൮—മൂന്നു്,

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